Axecutiue Proclamation State of South Dakota

Office Of The Governor

WHEREAS, The abuse of alcohol causes significant economic loss to the State of South Dakota, as the National cost to society in 1983 has been estimated to be in excess of \$116 billion; and,

WHEREAS, According to a United States Surgeon General's Report, alcohol is a contributing factor to more than ten percent of all deaths; and,

WHEREAS, According to the American Humane Association, there were nearly six million cases of family violence linked to the abuse of alcohol in 1981; and,

WHEREAS, Alcoholics Anonymous was founded on June 10, 1935, when Dr. Bob Smith took his last drink; and,

WHEREAS, The organization of Alcoholics Anonymous relies almost totally on citizen volunteers and is thus a model of grassroots organizational development, without the assistance of government or expenditure of tax dollars; and,

WHEREAS, Alcoholics Anonymous, by its own traditions, is and always has been open to any person with a sincere desire to stop drinking, regardless of race, sex, age, education, or status in the community; and,

WHEREAS, Alcoholics Anonymous is the most successful recovery program the world

RE, I, WILLIAM J. JANKLOW, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim the year 1985, as

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS' GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY

in South Dakota, and I congratulate, praise, and honor Alcoholics Anonymous on the auspicious occasion of its golden anniversary, and do hereby honor the men and women, both living and dead, who have been and will be instrumental in the beginning and the continuation of the fellowship of Alcoholics Anonymous.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Seventh Day of August, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Eighty-Five

WILLIAM J, JANKLOW, GOVERNOR